

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RECOGNIZING PHỞ 79 FOR BEING AWARDED THE JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARD

SPEECH OF

**HON. HARLEY ROUDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 22, 2019*

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, today I'd like to recognize Phở 79 for receiving the James Beard Foundation Award in the America's Classics category. These awards are also known as the "Oscars of the Food World", and the America's Classics category rewards, "quality food that reflects the character of their community". Phở 79, founded by Liễu Trần and Thọ Trần, is in California's 48th Congressional District in Garden Grove and was one of the original businesses that comprised what would become Little Saigon.

Founded in 1982 as one of the first phở restaurants in Southern California, Phở 79, with its cozy and modest atmosphere, belies the nondescript corner of Garden Grove it sits on. The restaurant introduced Americans to that eponymous broth soup of Vietnamese cuisine, served with meatballs, tenderloin, or tripe and seasoned with bean sprouts, lime, mint leaves, and pepper. But, of course, the restaurant continues to garner acclaim for its signature oxtail soup.

Just as the restaurant introduced Americans to some of the best examples of Vietnamese cuisine, Phở 79, if only during a meal, reconnected Orange County's Vietnamese-American refugee community to their homeland—including those who came seeking asylum in the days and years following the Vietnam War and the children and grandchildren of those refugees. Those memories are reflected in the restaurant's name, which commemorates the year that the Trầns arrived in the United States. Their story is a testament to entrepreneurship, hard work, and the strength of the Vietnamese-American community.

With the Trần family continuing to prepare the food and work the restaurant, Phở 79 remains a fixture in Little Saigon and has played a crucial role in pioneering Vietnamese cuisine in California's 48th District and across Southern California. Their James Beard Foundation Award in the America's Classics category is richly deserved, and I give to them my warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

### THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTEN- NIAL AND THE EVERY WORD WE UTTER STATUE

**HON. JOE NEGUSE**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, this week we honored the 100th anniversary of the House passage of the 19th Amendment.

One hundred years ago on May 21st, the House passed HJR 1 proposing an amendment to the Constitution extending the right to vote to women. It took just over a year to ratify this amendment, forever enshrining women's right to vote in our Constitution.

At the forefront of this effort was a diverse group of women. From their first official call for equality at the Seneca Falls Convention, across multiple generations, from farms and villages throughout our nation, women organized, educated, and demanded enfranchisement. Through this brave and enduring movement, women received the vote.

It is in tribute to the fearlessly bold women who championed equality in our nation that I stand before you today, and ask for your support of H.R. 473 to establish the first outdoor statue dedicated to the Suffrage movement in Washington, D.C.

I want to ensure that my daughter and every girl growing up alongside her feel represented and are assured of the fundamental role they play in our society. Passing H.R. 473 and establishing this monument is a critical way to guarantee just that, and to inspire the next generation to continue advocating for justice and equality for one another and for all who will follow them. I urge your support for H.R. 473.

### RECOGNIZING JIM SARGENT OF GREAT FALLS

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jim Sargent of Great Falls, a strong, reliable advocate for Montana's agricultural and veterans organizations as well as Montana Special Olympics. As a media and public relations professional, Sarge has volunteered countless hours to promote outreach and fundraising efforts for these and other civic groups.

"Sarge," as he is known to his friends and radio listeners, grew up on a farm near Chester, in northcentral Montana. He began his media career 28 years ago covering agriculture news and sporting events. Sarge says the strength of Montana's close-knit communities grounds his connection to ag and civic organizations.

In his service to Montana's agricultural organizations, Sarge is closely involved with the Montana FFA Association and Montana 4-H, helping promote and host events for both groups. He also helped launch the Electric City FFA chapter. Both organizations have recognized Sarge with distinguished service awards.

"Jim has always jumped in with both feet where ever we needed him," said Jim Rose, state advisor for Montana FFA. "He's invaluable as a promoter, but I think his biggest contribution is in the support and encouragement

he gives our youth. He helps them gain confidence in their abilities and develop their leadership skills."

A member of the Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Sarge served as membership director, and he served as vice president of the Cascade County Farm Bureau.

For the past five years, Sarge has helped promote and host the Stand Down in Great Falls. The event is a benefits fair for Montana veterans and active-duty members of the military. Organizations at the event provide services, including clothing, health care services, and other resources and benefits.

Sarge also contributes his time and talents to Montana Special Olympics. A past president of the Great Falls chapter, Sarge regularly hosts events and fundraisers for the organization. Jim and Sue, his wife of 35 years, also sponsor the Exceptional Rodeo for the group. In 2018, the organization recognized Jim as its Media Personality of the Year.

Madam Speaker, for selflessly dedicating his time and talents to Montana's civic organizations, from our agricultural and veterans groups to Montana Special Olympics, I recognize Jim Sargent for his spirit of Montana.

### QUIET COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2019

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the millions of Americans who suffer from noise pollution caused by aircrafts. Noise from aircraft is a constant source of torment, even if you don't live right near an airport, but under a regular flight path. Chronic exposure to excessive noise can lead to sleep deprivation, task interruptions, among other negative consequences which result in untold costs on society in diminished work productivity.

That is why today, I introduced the "Quiet Communities Act of 2019". This bill would reestablish the Office of Noise Abatement and Control (ONAC) in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Noise abatement programs across the country currently lie dormant. While the EPA retains the authority to study noise effects and make recommendations to mitigate these effects and limit environmental exposure to noise, it is unable to practically do so without a functioning ONAC.

As population growth and air traffic continue to increase, noise pollution is likely to become an even greater problem in the future. Currently, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is tasked with air transport-related noise concerns. It is responsible for developing flight paths and regulating the airline industry, but the FAA neither has the resources nor the mission priorities to adequately address intolerable levels of noise.

Madam Speaker, it is time to allow the EPA the resources it requires to resume its role in combating noise pollution and include flight

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noise in its jurisdiction by re-establishing ONAC. This bill would also require the EPA Administrator to carry out a study of airport noise and examine the FAA's selection of noise measurement methodologies, health impact thresholds, and abatement program effectiveness.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this critical legislation—so that Congress does its part to help alleviate the aviation noise issues that impacts the health and welfare of Americans across our nation.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE IVIG ENHANCEMENT ACT

### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the month of May as GBS/CIDP Awareness Month. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting those impacted by CIDP and a related disorder, MMN, by co-sponsoring H.R. 2905, the Medicare IVIG Enhancement Act.

Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) is a rare and debilitating autoimmune disorder that affects the peripheral nerves. Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN) is a related rare disorder in which one's nerves are attacked by their own immune system. Both conditions have a devastating impact on quality of life and require intensive care.

While CIDP and MMN patients may eventually develop resistance to common treatments and therapies, intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) therapy, a form of plasma therapy, has proven to be a safer and more effective alternative for treatment.

Please join me in supporting the Medicare IVIG Enhancement Act, which would provide CIDP and MMN patients the opportunity to receive IVIG therapy in their homes, which will improve quality of life for patients and caregivers alike.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF ROBERT PEAR

### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life and service of Robert Pear, a longtime reporter for the New York Times, and someone who has been critical to the conversation around health care for more 40 years. Robert Pear was a fixture in the Halls of Congress with his unassuming style, quiet voice and insightful questions. Robert spent countless hours in the Ways and Means Committee room reporting on health care debates of our generation—the Clinton Health Care legislation, Medicare Part D and the Affordable Care Act. Robert's knowledge and expertise were unrivaled. His ability to take complex issues and present them in a clear and concise manner was a testament to his understanding of the policy but also what the American people needed to know.

Robert was born in our nation's capital on June 12, 1949 to Philip and Marion Pear. Growing up in our nation's capital, Robert was immediately fascinated with policy and politics—even leading him to produce “The Pear Press” while in high school. He later went on to Harvard University, where he worked on the literary magazine “The Advocate” and eventually graduated magna cum laude in 1971. He would then go on to earn his Master of Philosophy from Balliol College in Oxford, and a Master's in Journalism from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Robert joined The New York Times in 1981. It was here that he was able to communicate the complexity of issues such as health care with remarkable clarity. It was his meticulous, exacting reporting that most recently helped keep the American public informed and engaged on the failed Republican “repeal-and-replace” efforts in 2017. Robert made it his life's duty to ensure the American people fully understood the intricacies of Washington. Over his 40 years with the New York Times, he helped produce or support more than 6,700 New York Times articles.

Many a member or press secretary can recount stories of picking up the phone and hearing Robert's distinctive voice on the other end of the line late at night or early in the morning, working to glean one more insight or critical piece of information for his next article. His follow up questions on both the politics and substance showed he keenly understood the currents swirling well below the surface. While Robert Pear will be missed by all who had the pleasure to get to know him, he will be remembered for his critical work, his persistence, and his lifelong commitment to public service and the American people.

#### IN HONOR OF STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT STANTON

### HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. LOESACK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of SSgt. Robert Stanton of Davenport, Iowa. On December 11, 1942, at just 18 years of age, Robert enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and went on to serve as a Gunner in Marine Scout Bomber Squad 142. On March 24, 1945, while flying over the Philippines, engine trouble caused a forced landing on Panay Island. SSgt. Stanton was taken as a prisoner of war by Japanese forces and killed soon after. SSgt. Stanton left behind his loving family, including his father, Bryan Jennings Stanton, and mother, Harriett Elizabeth Conley.

As a military parent, I am honored to recognize the bravery of a fellow Iowan who answered the call to serve at just 18 and tragically died as a prisoner of war. Before serving his country in World War II, Robert Stanton was an amateur boxer known for his knockout punch. A fighter to the end, SSgt. Stanton made the ultimate sacrifice for his nation. For his sacrifice, and the sacrifice of all the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, we must never forget their service and remain eternally grateful.

#### HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

### HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of California, Los Angeles upon its centennial anniversary.

Established in 1919, UCLA is geographically the smallest of the UC campuses, yet the largest student body. Nearly one third of current undergraduates are first-generation students and more than 35% of current undergraduates receive Pell Grants. Notably, UCLA is the most applied to university for undergraduate education and the highest ranked public university in the country, according to the U.S. News and World Report in 2019. UCLA's graduates have gone on to achieve great success and merit in a variety of professional fields, including 13 MacArthur Fellows, 3 Pulitzer Prize winners, and 38 Academy Award winners. Impressively, UCLA has also produced 14 Nobel Prize winners, including Ralph J. Bunche, the first person of color to receive a Nobel Peace Prize.

It is no surprise to learn that UCLA is a vital contributor to the California economy, contributing \$11 billion annually, including \$4 billion in the Los Angeles area. During the 2016–2017 school year alone, 251 patents were issued to UCLA and 24 startup companies launched using technologies developed at UCLA. UCLA's athletic programs are among the best in the nation, with UCLA Bruins having won 261 Olympic medals, 133 of which were gold.

UCLA is a wonderful resource to the Los Angeles region, California, and the nation as a whole, providing an outstanding education to students from a variety of backgrounds.

It is my pleasure to honor UCLA for marking 100 years of exceptional achievement. I ask all members to join me in commending their accomplishments.

#### HONORING JUDGE WILEY DANIEL

### HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, today I offer you my heartfelt condolences to the Daniel family on the loss of their father and husband Judge Wiley Daniel. Judge Daniel was a chief judge for the U.S. District Court of Colorado and was my home state's first African-American federal judge.

Judge Daniel was not only an incredible legal mind, but also a role model for aspiring attorneys. I was lucky enough to try several cases in Judge Daniel's court, and found him to be tough and fair-minded, always pushing the attorneys before him to present the best and most sound case that we could put forward. He made each of us better at our craft.

Being a “first” for any community is difficult and brave, but if the work stops at getting through the door, then it does not leave a true legacy. Judge Daniel was the first through but then spent so much of his energy ensuring

that door remained open and welcoming for every generation that followed. In my mind, his legacy is not just that he was the first, it is that he ensured he would not be the last.

I am grateful to have known Judge Daniel and ask that my colleagues join me in sending condolences to the family of this pioneer of our legal system and inspiration to our entire nation.

IN HONOR OF THE VA ANN ARBOR  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM FOR  
THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System for their critical work providing medical services to our nation's veterans. Their continued excellence in patient-centered healthcare is worthy of commendation.

Since its foundation in 1953, the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System has provided essential healthcare services to veterans throughout Michigan and northwestern Ohio. The main campus operates as a referral center for complex specialty care and boasts state-of-the-art facilities and several satellite outpatient clinics. Beyond the medical care it offers, VAAHS is a major research center, participating in over 400 active studies in basic science, health services, and rehabilitation.

The VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System stands as a role model in providing exemplary healthcare to our nation's veterans. Their work has had a profound impact on Michigan and Ohio by ensuring access to preventive and active treatment. We thank VAAHS and its staff for their continued dedication to providing high-quality medical services to veterans, supporting clinical research, and promoting education on public health programs. We also congratulate the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System as they begin construction of a new veteran welcome center. Once finished, this new structure will expand the available capacity of the medical center and expedite critical care for its visitors.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System for their exemplary work in healthcare access, education, and research. Their efforts have been instrumental in ensuring care for the brave servicemen and women that protect our country.

CELEBRATING THE 100 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF UCLA

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the University of California, Los Angeles, which has distinguished itself as one of the finest institutions of higher learning in the State of California and across the country.

In the past 100 years, 14 Nobel Prize winners, 13 MacArthur Fellows, 9 National Medal

of Science winners, 3 Pulitzer Prize winners, 1 Field Medalist, 2 Turing Award winners, and 38 Academy Award winners have called UCLA home. Every year, UCLA receives more applications for admission than any other university. It is for these reasons and more that UCLA was ranked this year as the number one public university in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

The influence of UCLA and its impact on California is wide-reaching and expansive. Even in my district, two hours away from Westwood, thousands of constituents call UCLA their alma mater. UCLA's influence in my district cannot be overstated. For many students who are unfamiliar with the challenges of applying for college, UCLA provides mentorship and a tangible path to higher education, actively organizing workshops and school visits to guide them. UCLA does not limit itself to just educating the next generation of leaders; it has tracked groundwater loss in my district and throughout the Central Valley, demonstrating the need to expand our current water storage and infrastructure. As many people know, UCLA's Ronald Reagan Medical Center provides world-class care for countless individuals, but it also directs clinical trials back home in my district—ensuring that the residents of the 23rd District receive cutting-edge treatment and care. On behalf of California's 23rd District, I am proud to congratulate UCLA on 100 years of great accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE,  
LEGACY, AND SERVICE OF MAS-  
TER SERGEANT DONALD  
CHARLES BETTINE

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life, legacy, and service of Master Sergeant Donald Charles Bettine.

MSG Bettine passed away on Monday, April 29, 2019 at the age of 89. He was born in Green Bay on August 12, 1929 to Charles and Elva Bettine.

After graduating from Central Catholic High School in 1947, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Upon completion of basic training, MSG Bettine went to Japan where he was an instructor in the Eight Army Ordinance School. After a brief return to the U.S., he was deployed to Korea to serve in the Korean War. As a part of the 3rd Infantry, he participated in the evacuation of Hungnam in 1950. MSG Bettine charged enemy snipers in a frontal attack, allowing his platoon to advance forward. For this display of bravery, he earned his Bronze Star with the "V" for Valor. Dubbed the "Christmas Miracle," the incredible evacuation resulted in the rescue of nearly 200,000 troops and civilian refugees.

After his service in the Korean War, MSG Bettine was stationed near Moscow, Idaho where he met the love of his life, Evelyn Sumner. They were married on December 19, 1953, and shortly after relocated to Germany, where he was stationed for 4 years. Following his time in Germany, he was stationed in several places across the U.S., and was later sent to Korea for a second time where he was stationed in Seoul. During his time in Seoul,

MSG Bettine became heavily involved in one of the local orphanages, dedicating his time to the children there. Upon his return to the states, MSG Bettine was assigned to Fort McCoy. He retired from active duty in 1968.

Following his retirement from active duty, MSG Bettine continued his service to others as the JrROTC instructor at Premontre High School in Green Bay, WI where he taught for over 20 years. Affectionately known as "Sarge," MSG Bettine strived to instill the values and lessons he learned during his time in the military to his students. MSG Bettine took an active interest in his students' futures, and often followed their careers through the Armed Forces. It was not unusual for him and his students to stay in touch years after their graduation.

MSG Bettine joined the Knights of Columbus in his late 20s, and he was ultimately honored for over 60 years of service. In line with his character and values, he joined the Knights of Columbus to serve his community beyond his service in the military. He was a Fourth Degree Knight and served as District Deputy, Programs Coordinator, and District Marshall.

Words cannot justly thank MSG Bettine for his many years of service to our country. My sincerest condolences go to his family.

BIRTHDAY OF DR. IRENE HUSTON

**HON. MARK DeSAULNIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of a long-time community leader, Dr. Irene Huston.

In her early years, Irene and her family moved from Mississippi to the Bay Area in the "Second Great Migration" to escape racist labor and housing practices. Irene attended Contra Costa College before earning a Bachelor's Degree from International Seminary in Plymouth, Florida. Today, Dr. Huston holds graduate degrees from Phoenix University, Antioch Christian University, and Elbon-Solutions College of Ministry, as well as an honorary degree from the National Theological Seminary of the Commonwealth University.

Although her interests and successes cast a wide net—she has served as a lecturer at San Jose State University, opened her own clothing boutique, and authored several books and a play—her focus has always been the church.

Dr. Huston has been in the ministry for 50 years, and has devoted the majority of this time to supporting women and families. She is internationally ordained and has ministered around the world, including in India, Nigeria, England, and Israel. Additionally, at home in California, she worked with the West Contra Costa Unified School District's adult education program.

Irene has founded a number of faith-based service organizations, including Irene's Women's Faith Foundation, and she continues her efforts today to motivate and empower young women and serve her community.

Please join me in wishing Dr. Irene Huston a happy 81st birthday, and in thanking her for a life of service and dedication.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF JEFFREY McDONALD OF CAR-  
MEL, INDIANA

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Jeffrey McDonald, an enterprising entrepreneur, youth mentor, and community leader. Born in Woodland, California on April 5, 1967, to Alan and Mary McDonald, Jeffrey would come to Indiana and graduate from Indiana University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business and Marketing. Jeffrey was known throughout his community for his selfless leadership in business and his desire to help those in need of guidance to reach their full potential.

As longtime lauded business leaders in their community, Jeffrey and his wife Shelli McDonald started their e-commerce pet food and treat supply business, Raw Paws Pet Food, in 2014. Their mission in business was not only to provide a profitable living for themselves and their employees, but to create products that better served the health of pets through proper nutrition and diet. Sourcing their products from responsible and ethical farms they have become leaders in their industry.

Beyond his many successes in the business world, Jeffrey's impact was also felt throughout his community through his participation and exemplary leadership in philanthropic organizations. Jeffrey served on the boards of many community groups including The United Way, The Indianapolis Zoo, and The Young Presidents' Organization (YPO). Jeffrey's community engagement allowed him to pursue his passions of animal welfare and the empowerment of women. His remarkable talent for connecting with people ensured that his vital work with these organizations made a lasting impact on Central Indiana, not to be forgotten.

His achievements show us the immense influence one person can have within their community and inspire us to aim higher. Jeffrey had the unique ability to see the best in every one of life's situations. His caring and genuine nature put those around him at ease, and his zest for life was infectious to those in his presence.

On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Jeffrey's wife Shelli, and numerous friends and relatives who mourn his loss.

IN HONOR OF KARL W. MICHLER

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a special man, Mr. Karl Michler of Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Michler is part of a special group of heroes that served our nation during World War II. Mr. Michler celebrates his 99th birthday on June 5.

Mr. Michler enlisted in the service at the age of 22. He was a proud member of the United

States Army. He served as a medical corpsman. His assignments took him to locations in the United States, France and Germany. He served for 4 years and was honorably discharged in February of 1946.

Mr. Michler returned home and married Jean Vogt. Following his service in the Army, he took over the family business, Michler's, which was started by his grandfather Carl Michler in 1900. He continued that very successful business for many years. His son, John, and later his grandson, Robin, kept the business growing and thriving.

Mr. Michler and his fellow veterans are true heroes. As members of the "Greatest Generation", they willingly served to protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy today. I am humbled to honor the service of Mr. Karl W. Michler and to celebrate his upcoming 99th birthday before the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT HARRY  
S. TRUMAN'S LEGACY IN FIRE  
PREVENTION, FIRE SAFETY, AND  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, between May 5 and 7 of this year, national leaders representing every facet of the fire service gathered together in Key West, Florida for three days of discussions on the future of fire prevention, public education, and fire service challenges in general. They attended the event at the invitation of the Harry S. Truman Foundation. Each year, the Truman Foundation conducts an annual symposium at the Truman Little White House to reflect on the legacy of our nation's 33rd President. The theme of the 2019 symposium was, "Truman's Legacy Towards Fire Prevention, Fire Safety, and Historic Preservation." In 1947, President Truman convened a conference on fire prevention following a series of devastating fires that captured the attention of the nation. Hundreds of representatives from government, business, non-government organizations, and the fire service attended the Washington conference. In his remarks to the attendees, Truman stated, "Safety from fire should not be a topic for discussion during only one or two weeks of the year. It is definitely a year-round public responsibility." Seventy-two years later, President Truman's words inspired the assembly of prominent fire service leaders to meet in Key West.

The Truman Foundation asked the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to serve as a co-facilitator of the recent program. By every account, both organizations did an exemplary job in conducting the event. Presentations by notable fire service leaders addressed a broad range of issues that span the important work in fire prevention. For example, on the third day, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation conducted a forum to identify key areas for advancing fire prevention in our nation. Watching the recent success in Florida, I remain so impressed by the ability of the national fire organizations to work together to address the needs of firefighters and public safe-

ty. This ability is something I have witnessed throughout my years as a co-Chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus.

Seventy-two years have passed since the 1947 conference, and during that time, the number of victims dying in fires has decreased to approximately 3,000 each year. This isn't a coincidence. But the fire service leaders assembled in Key West this month didn't see this as an achievement; instead, they recognized that more work needs to be done.

The strength of our nation has always been the indomitable spirit of our citizens. The fire service personifies that spirit. I commend the Harry S. Truman Foundation and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundations for bringing together our nation's leading fire officials. And I pledge my continued support for the more than one million firefighters across the nation who are prepared to respond to the next call for help and to the family members who lose loved ones in the line of duty. God bless all of them.

HONORING JOANN GAMA

**HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor JoAnn Gama, an educator, innovator, and leader.

JoAnn Gama was born and raised on the north side of Houston, Texas. In 1997, she joined Teach For America, committing two years to teaching in public schools in underserved communities. After moving to the Rio Grande Valley, JoAnn enrolled at the University of Texas-Pan American, now known as the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, and earned her master's degree in Educational Leadership.

In 1998, JoAnn co-founded the IDEA Academy within the Donna Independent School District with fellow Teach For America corps member, Tom Torkelson. After one year as a "school within a school," JoAnn and Tom applied for a state charter. Nearly 20 years ago, in August of 2000, they opened the IDEA Academy Charter School with 150 students, grades 4 through 8.

JoAnn is the co-founder and chief of schools, and led many efforts to replicate the original school. Currently, IDEA Public Schools educate nearly 45,000 students in 79 schools across five regions—the Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso and Southern Louisiana. In 2017, U.S. News & World Report ranked IDEA Donna, IDEA Quest, and IDEA Frontier in the top 1 percent of all public high schools in the United States and the top 40 best public charter schools in the nation.

Madam Speaker, JoAnn Gama has worked tirelessly to give countless students the tools they need to succeed. She is a pillar of our community and an example to us all. It is an honor to represent a selfless, committed individual like her who has forever changed and strengthened the foundation of education in South Texas. I wish JoAnn, her husband Juan, and her children Gaeland and Jimena the best in their future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH  
BIRTHDAY OF TOMMIE LOUISE  
CAUDLE

### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 100th birthday of Tommie Louise Caudle.

Ms. Caudle was born on June 5, 1919 to J.H. Caudle and Sallie White Caudle in Sylacauga, Alabama. She graduated from Sylacauga High School in 1937 and started working at Southern Bell Telephone as a telephone operator at age 16.

She attended Judson College her freshman year during which she was a member of Baptist Young People's Union. She also attended the University of Alabama. Ms. Caudle worked for South Central Bell until she retired in 1974.

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing Ms. Caudle a happy 100th birthday.

WELCOMING CHAPLAIN THOMAS E.  
FUSSELL, JR.

### HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize today's guest chaplain, Chaplain Thomas E. Fussell, Jr., and welcome him to the United States House of Representatives.

Chaplain Fussell, a major in the United States Air Force, is currently assigned to the 45th Space Wing, stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Brevard County, Florida. The duties of the 45th Space Wing—including supporting the Department of Defense (DOD), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and commercial manned and unmanned space programs at Patrick Air Force Base—are critical to the success of space programs operating out of Cape Canaveral.

As Deputy Wing Chaplain to the 45th Space Wing, Chaplain Fussell advises commanders and first sergeants, ensures the free exercise of religion, and provides spiritual care, moral and ethical advice, and pastoral care and counseling to all military personnel and their families. Along with other chaplains serving in the Space Command, he is part of the spiritual backbone of American operations in space.

Chaplain Fussell received his Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2000. In 2004, he was ordained as an elder in the South Georgia Conference and, in 2005, he commissioned as a chaplain.

In light of his many years of service, I am thankful that Chaplain Fussell could be with us today and offer a prayer in anticipation of Memorial Day. May the Lord bless all the brave men and women in uniform who have given their lives to protect our great nation, the United States of America.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, on May 22, 2019, I was unable to vote due to a classified briefing. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 222.

### RECOGNIZING LAVEDA BROWN

### HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laveda Brown of Waco, Texas, who is retiring as the president of the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce.

Laveda comes from a strong business background and knows the value of hard work. Prior to joining the chamber, Laveda worked as a Procurement Specialist/Business Consultant at McLennan Community College Small Business Center and the Caruth Small Business Development Center at Abilene Christian University.

Her successful history of business development made her a compelling choice to lead the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce. Laveda's many years of experience in minority business certification, purchasing, economic development, and government contracting has helped her provide many small businesses with the tools to succeed.

When Laveda assumed leadership of the Chamber in 2007, its membership hovered around 30 members and numbers were dwindling quickly. Thanks to her efforts, membership is now above 250 members and their financial support has expanded dramatically.

Some of her biggest contributions, however, go beyond numbers. Under Laveda's direction, the chamber opened Esther's Closet, an initiative to assist unemployed women by providing interview and workplace clothing at no cost. Additionally, Esther's Closet assists with resume writing, interview skills, job performance, and financial management. Since its grand opening in 2016, Esther's Closet has helped more than 400 individuals and provided more than 5,000 outfits.

In addition to her chamber duties, Laveda has been a member of many organizations including the Waco Education Alliance, the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative, the City of Waco Policy Academy, and the Junior League Advisory Committee. She also served on the boards of the City of Waco Public Improvement and Development, the Texas Partnership for Out of School Time, and the YMCA of Central Texas. She was also the Vice President of the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce.

She is a person of great courage, faith, insight and wisdom who has a very unselfish and loving spirit. She has dedicated her life to sharing her wealth of knowledge and experience to enlightening and motivating those around her to do their best. Laveda has a way of getting others to see the big picture and to overcome their differences in order to work together for the common good of all. Her great-

est gift is her passion for encouraging and empowering others.

Madam Speaker, I would like to thank Laveda Brown for her many years of impactful service to our Central Texas community. I wish her the best in her future endeavors and look forward to seeing the Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce's continued success.

I have requested that a United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize the community service and accomplishments of Laveda Brown.

I urge all Americans to continue praying for our country, for our veterans, for our military men and women who protect us, and for our first responders who keep us safe at home.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND FRAN  
HAYES FOR HER EXEMPLARY  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF  
DEARBORN

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Fran Hayes for her tireless work in service of the residents of Dearborn, Michigan. She has been an instrumental member of the community as the head of the Dearborn Area Interfaith Network.

Reverend Fran Hayes has served the Dearborn community for 22 years as the pastor of Littlefield Presbyterian Church. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Reverend Hayes dedicated her career to celebrating diversity of faith and culture. As the head of the Dearborn Area Interfaith Network; she has made a concerted effort to celebrate the vibrant, diverse community of Dearborn by building deep relationships between Christians and Muslims. Under her leadership, the church has engaged in deliberate efforts to educate parishioners in Islamic scripture through interfaith programs and activities.

Reverend Hayes' work represents a celebration of creed and culture. A staunch advocate for diversity, Reverend Hayes leaves a legacy of inclusivity and justice through her continued efforts to transcend barriers of faith and culture. We thank Reverend Hayes for her commitment to embracing people of all faiths and cultures and we congratulate her on her retirement. Her dedicated leadership will be missed, but we wish her good health and every happiness in her retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Reverend Fran Hayes for her exemplary service to Dearborn. Her work celebrating diversity of faith is worthy of commendation.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE LAFAYETTE  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

### HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lafayette Church of Christ in honor of their 150th anniversary on June 19, 2019.

A longstanding pillar in the Macon County community, the Lafayette Church of Christ is widely known for its heart for service, love for others, and commitment to Christian principles. The congregation was founded by Isaac T. Reneau on June 19, 1869. Upon its founding, members met in various locations throughout Macon County. On January 11, 1874, the congregation held its first worship service in their first building on the town square in Lafayette. In 1963, a new building was constructed at 212 Church Street in Lafayette, which is where the congregation continues to meet. Today, that building is now part of a 9.5-acre campus that also includes a new auditorium, Fellowship Hall, and Refuge building for youth activities. However, the congregation's most enduring legacy will be its commitment to spreading the Gospel throughout its community.

The Lafayette Church of Christ has a rich heritage of upstanding families and strong believers. In efforts to care for their neighbors, the congregation offers a food pantry, utility bill assistance, furniture for those in need, and eager volunteers ready to answer the call of those in their community. Following the devastating tornado that hit Lafayette in 2008, it is well remembered that the members of the congregation eagerly coordinated response crews to those needing assistance and their fellowship hall served as a resource distribution center for the community.

The Lafayette Church of Christ is faithfully led by Elders Bobby Bransford and Barry Doss, along with Pulpit Minister Jeny Mercer and Youth Minister Cameron Miller. Today, the Lafayette Church of Christ is comprised of 250 members and routinely hosts local chapters of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and American Red Cross blood drives. The congregation faithfully follows God's Biblical commands and seeks to be Christ's church in its community. The congregation is anchored in knowing that God gave His only begotten Son so that through baptism, we might live. I pray that this group of Christians may continue under our Father's protection in preaching, teaching, and sharing the great story of Christ.

To my House colleagues today, I hope you will join me in congratulating the Lafayette Church of Christ on 150 years of service to the community and unwavering faith. I am confident their impact on Macon County will continue for generations to come.

#### SUPPORTING THE SECURE ACT

### HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act—The SECURE Act.

Almost 60 percent of Americans do not have any retirement account assets. That means they haven't put away a single dollar for retirement. Not one.

The SECURE Act includes many provisions to expand opportunities for Alabamians to increase their retirement savings.

The bill: makes it easier for small businesses to offer retirement plans to their employees; provides retirement benefit opportuni-

ties to home care workers; allows long-time, part-time workers to participate in a 401(k) plan; and much more.

Also included in the SECURE Act is a provision that I introduced with my colleagues earlier this month. It will deliver an urgently-needed fix for Gold Star military families who saw a drastic tax hike as a result of the Republican tax bill.

The SECURE Act goes a long way in ensuring that Americans get the economic security they deserve, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes."

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF PHYLLIS WATT WUSTENBERG

### HON. KURT SCHRADER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Phyllis Watt Wustenberg a constituent of mine from Bay City, Oregon who recently passed away at the age of 92.

Phyllis was a remarkable woman and beloved member of the community who leaves behind an incredible legacy of a life that was dedicated to service. The Tillamook County area won't be the same without her. Today I would like to include in the RECORD Phyllis' obituary and extend my sincere condolences to Phyllis' family and the people of Tillamook County.

#### OBITUARY FOR PHYLLIS WATT WUSTENBERG

Phyllis Wustenberg, age 92, passed away peacefully on May 7, 2019 while seated at the desk of her home in Bay City, OR. There were messages on the answering machine, minutes and notes from recent nonprofit board and public commission meetings, and treasured memories from five generations of her Oregon family within arm's reach. Phyllis Watt Wustenberg—pioneer, matriarch, scholar, mink rancher, gardener, civic leader, philanthropist, sorority sister, and great grandmother—was busy living right to the last moment. It was a life well lived, dedicated to the betterment of her family, community, and state she loved so dearly.

She was born July 25, 1927 in Vancouver, WA to Robert, son of settler, farmer, logger and lumber mill owner Robert Watt, and Jean Morris Watt, who he met in Haines, AK. The Watt family journey from Scotland and contributions as pioneers in the coastal region are documented in the 1974 book, *Five Watt Brothers*. Phyllis attended Bay City school with siblings Barbara, Joan and Robert. She graduated in 1945 in a class of nine, received her B.S. from Oregon State University in 1949 and was one of the first women to achieve a Master's in Fisheries Management in 1951. Phyllis was on faculty at OSU from 1951 to 1953, where her work was described in *Fur Animal Research* where, in 200, editor J.E. Oldfield remembers: "I moved from U.B.C. to Oregon State University in 1949 and found a mink research program in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (then 'Fish and Game') which was ably directed by Phyllis Watt (now Wustenberg). If I needed any encouragement to continue my interest with mink, Phyllis certainly supplied it. Raised on a mink ranch at Bay City, Oregon, she combined her knowledge of the industry and its needs with her research abilities to form an effective program which she operated with great good humor."

She met and married Donald Wustenberg of Chico, CA in 1953 while at OSU, and in

1955, after he graduated with a Master's in Fisheries Biology. They relocated to the farm in Bay City to create a life closer to their shared ideal for raising a family. Mark was born in 1954 and William (Bill) in 1957. Don and Phyllis combined their unique research skills in animal science and genetics to create innovative data management practices that produced among the finest natural black mink in the world for over 45 years. During that time they were active leaders in the Ninth American mink industry: Phyllis served as chair of the National Mink Farmer's Research Foundation and was in demand as a renowned speaker; Don was on the board of the Great Lakes Mink Association during years of the famous "What Becomes A Legend Most" Richard Avalon ad campaign.

Phyllis served her community and state with a gifted ability to see possibilities and respect history. She believed that people's lives can be improved, young and old, with a free book, a trip to a museum, a walk in a nature center, or a scholarship for higher education. Near to her heart was the Watt Brothers Scholarship Trust, where she served as chair for over 30 years, that annually gifts about \$100,000 to Tillamook County graduates. She was a dedicated founder of the Bay City Planning Commission, Tillamook County Pioneer Museum and Kilchis Point Reserve boards, serving until her last day. She sat on the Tillamook County Extension Committee and Tillamook County Library Board. In 1994 Phyllis was appointed to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education and served until it was disbanded in 2004. She was the Board's representative to the Center for Applied Agricultural Research Board during that period and was a tireless advocate for Oregon State University Cascades to ensure four-year university education was available to the eastern half of the state. Former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Shirley Clark reflected with great admiration that, "Phyllis changed the world and made friends along the way."

Phyllis did indeed bestow her deepest love upon family and close friends. She nurtured her sons through Willamette University and Oregon State Veterinary College and was deeply proud that they each accomplished distinguished careers and raised close-knit families with core values that mirrored her own. Her home was a destination for large gatherings of family, annual OSU Delta Delta Sorority picnics, international guests, drop-by visitors, and the occasional elected official seeking advice. She is survived by: son, Dr. Mark Wustenberg (Judy), Bay City, OR; Dr. William Wustenberg (Wendy), Farmington, MN; four grandchildren—Dr. Ben Wustenberg (Dr. Leticia), Carlton, OR and their children Tristan and Emma; Liam Wustenberg (Jennifer), Forest Grove, OR and their son Everett; Russell Wustenberg, living in Toronto, CA; and Lauren Wustenberg, South Royalton, VT; her sisters Barbara and Joan; beloved nephews and nieces and extended family by birth and marriage here in the United States and abroad. She is preceded in death by her husband, Don, both parents and her brother Robert.

Mark recalls that his mother said, "Heaven is our memories carried forward in the lives of those we love and hold dear." The public is invited to join the family at Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, 2106 2nd St. Tillamook, OR 97141, Sunday June 9, 2019 from 2-5 p.m. Memorials are requested in lieu of flowers to honor Phyllis' lifelong dedication to the good works of the Watt Brothers Scholarship Trust, c/o Simpson & Roesener, LLP, 2216 4th St. Tillamook, OR 97141 and the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, c/o Gary Albright, 2106 2nd St. Tillamook, OR 97141.

When she accepted the 2016 Bay City Pearl Festival Honoree Award Phyllis said, "If you love the place you live, you are extremely blessed." A more complete story about Phyllis Watt Wustenberg's lifelong love of Oregon and the blessings that will continue due to her dedicated efforts will be available online at <http://www.tcpm.org> later this week.

The public is invited to celebrate the life of Phyllis Watt Wustenberg on Sunday June 9 from 2-5 p.m. at the Tillamook County Pioneer Museum, 2106 2nd St., Tillamook, OR 97141.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, I was unable to vote on roll call no. 222. If I had been present, I would have voted Yea.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on May 20, 2019, my vote on Roll Call vote 219 was inadvertently not recorded. If it had been, I would have voted Yes.

HONORING WALSH UNIVERSITY'S  
PRESIDENT RICHARD  
JUSSEAUME RETIREMENT

##### HON. ANTHONY GONZALEZ

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to President Richard Jusseaume, who is retiring this year after 18 years of leadership at Walsh University. Ohio's second longest serving president of a four-year private university, President Jusseaume has ushered in unprecedented growth in almost every facet of the university's operations. In total, he has spent five decades at Walsh University in various roles including student, Dean of Students, Board of Directors member, and President.

Through the tireless work and effort of President Jusseaume, Walsh University has cemented its status as a leading academic institution. During his tenure, full-time undergraduate enrollment has increased by more than 60 percent, the university has more than doubled its number of undergraduate majors and launched its first doctorate programs, and the number of buildings on Walsh's North Canton campus has more than doubled from 11 to 27 buildings.

What happens at a university is richer than passing on intellectual knowledge. Classrooms shape our habits, thoughts, and practice, thus developing the future citizens of our liberal society. President Jusseaume has steadfastly dedicated himself to developing students into

leaders in service to others and prepared a diverse student body to thrive, and positively impact local and global communities.

As you and I know, strong leadership is critical to academic success. President Jusseaume's clear vision and unwavering commitment to students has shaped Walsh University into one of our nation's finest academic institutions, attracting the best and brightest. I congratulate and thank President Jusseaume for living out the passion and principle of the university's mission statement and wish him and his family all the best.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL  
VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION  
PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT ACT  
OF 2019

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program Improvement Act of 2019. This bill would further encourage the development of important vaccines by doubling the maximum number of special masters the Court of Federal Claims can assign to vaccine cases. I am pleased to be introducing this in conjunction with Senator BOB CASEY, who is introducing a companion bill in the Senate.

Vaccines are a vitally important component of our public health system. The National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program ("Program") was created by Congress in 1988 so that individuals and families of individuals injured by childhood vaccines could receive financial compensation. This "no-fault" system caps the amount of compensation allowed under the Program for vaccine-related injuries, thus meeting the dual goals of encouraging further development of vaccines and compensating anyone injured by them.

The Program was also designed to accelerate the compensation process so plaintiffs would not have to undergo a full trial before receiving damages that could potentially be used to address their injuries. However, as the number of vaccines covered under the Program has increased, so, too, has the number of cases brought before the court and the special masters. The number of petitions filed has increased from 24 in fiscal year 1988 to 1,120 in fiscal year 2016.

Congress capped the number of special masters at eight when it first authorized the Program, and has not increased the number since, despite the increase in covered vaccines and petitions filed. To meet the demand caused by the increased number of these complex cases, my bill would increase the maximum number of special masters allowed to 16. Moreover, the court may reduce the number of special masters should the number of cases drop, as this is a statutory ceiling, not a floor.

This is an important measure to ensure compensation when necessary and further important medical development. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF CAPE FEAR  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S SOFT-  
BALL TEAM

##### HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cape Fear Christian Academy Women's Softball team for winning the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association 1A state championship. Led by coach Sterling Holmes and assistant coach Craig Autry, the CFCA softball team has officially won seven state titles.

As a 4th seed road team, the Cape Fear Christian Academy Eagles had an impressive record in the Final Four. In their first game of the weekend, the Eagles challenged the No. 1 seed Lawrence Academy and beat them with a score of 7-2. Both their batting and fielding was remarkable in their later game against No. 2 seed Ridgely School, which they won with 11 points against Ridgely's zero. The final score for the state title was 9-6 against Pungo Christian Academy.

I am very proud of the Eagles on this major accomplishment. Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Aubree Bass, Kristen Bass, Leah Brannon, Natalia Brocius, McKenzie Burris, Gabbi Chiodo, Rebekah Ennis, Shelby Hodges, Harmony Horne, Jada Horne, Rhyleigh Horne, Trinity Olive, Paige Jeffries, Anslee McLamb, Claire Parker, Meghan Taylor, and Averil Williams, as well as their coaches, families, fans, and Cape Fear faculty who supported them on their road to victory.

CONGRATULATING HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATES ENLISTING IN OUR  
ARMED FORCES

##### HON. BRIAN J. MAST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate recent high school graduates from Palm Beach County who have made the decision to enlist in our Armed Forces. I would like to thank them for volunteering to serve our country. They include: Scott Carroll, Aspen Draeger, Gopal Harpalani, Tyler Huntoon, Ryan Keip, Michael Mee, Jaslyn Senger, Patrick Tierney, Devinity Salon, Deiontae Shannon, Andrew Hogan, Abigail Dasilva, Jaime Bustillo, John Dowd, Casey George, Peter Kanelidis, Stephen Manley, Andres Moreno, Ashton Skinner, Brandon Suh, and Skylar Thompson.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NATIVO  
LOPEZ

##### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Nativo Lopez, a longtime voice for the Mexican American community in Southern California and a champion of



immigrant rights. Mr. Lopez passed away on Sunday, May 20th.

Mr. Lopez grew up in Los Angeles County in a family that had lived in the United States for six generations. He studied Spanish literature at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Nativo Lopez was best known for changing the political landscape in Orange County. His determination and ability to organize volunteers, workers, people who had never been active in politics, led the start of the Orange County blue wave. Nativo began advocating and organizing at an early age. At the age of 13, he joined picket lines to protest funding cuts at a community center in East Los Angeles. As an 18-year-old at Excelsior High School, he and his brothers led a walkout of more than 200 Mexican American students to raise awareness for educational reform.

As a young professional, Mr. Lopez was a court interpreter in Los Angeles County. Mr. Lopez founded a Santa Ana chapter of Hermandad Mexican National, a group that provides services to and protects the needs and rights of Spanish-speaking immigrants. Nativo Lopez led Hermandad Mexicana for more than 30 years. His passion for ensuring that immigrant workers and their families, with or without documents, were treated with dignity and respect often sparked controversy, but his commitment to the cause never wavered.

In 1985, his name made national news when he helped more than 500 Santa Ana families stage a successful rent strike. Mr. Lopez won a seat on the Santa Ana Unified School District Board of Trustees in 1997. One of his most influential efforts was his creation of Assembly Bill 60, allowing unauthorized immigrants to apply for driver's licenses. Mr. Lopez was soon recognized as the undisputed champion of immigrant rights in Southern California.

Unfortunately, his life was cut short by cancer. Nativo Lopez leaves behind a legacy in fighting for civil rights, immigration rights, educational access, and community empowerment through civic engagement.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Lopez is truly a legend in the history of Latino leaders in Orange County and Los Angeles. His dedication and passion to serving the Hispanic community are truly unmatched. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Nativo Lopez and his lifelong dedication to serving our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF BRYNN  
BROWN AND ELI STOWERS

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Guyer High School sophomores Brynn Brown and Eli Stowers, who recently won gold medals at the 2019 UIL Texas State Track and Field meet.

The students' victories are well-earned. Following her regional meet, Ms. Brown was a self-proclaimed underdog. At the beginning of her mile run, Ms. Brown was seeded fourth in a competitive array of runners. Despite these circumstances, she finished first with a mile

time of 4.28 minutes. Impressively, Ms. Brown won a second gold medal in the 3,200-meter run.

In the high jump competition, Mr. Stowers reached a remarkable 6 feet and 10 inches to claim the gold medal. Persevering through inclement weather, he rose to the challenge—a testament to his hard work and diligent preparation.

I commend Guyer High School track and field coaches Jonathan Ponsonby, Megan Hardesty, and Aaron Roberts for their leadership and dedication. It is a privilege to represent Guyer High School in the U.S. House of Representatives. I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Brynn Brown and Eli Stowers, and I wish them continued success in their athletic and academic endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALINA T.  
HUDAK'S 35 YEARS OF SERVICE  
TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**HON. DONNA E. SHALALA**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of my friend, Alina Hudak, Deputy Mayor of Miami-Dade County, and her 35 years of public service to the greater Miami community.

Alina began her career in the Miami-Dade County government as a management trainee in 1984. In 1993, she became the first Hispanic woman appointed to the position of Assistant County Manager. In 1996, she was tapped for the position of Director of the General Services Administration. In 1998, she re-joined the County Manager's Office, and she took over the post of County Manager in 2011. She currently serves as Deputy Mayor of Miami-Dade County as well as Director of the Solid Waste Management Department.

Alina has worked with nearly every department of Miami-Dade's extensive administration, and she possesses an unrivaled knowledge of the County. Throughout her career, she has overseen an impressive portfolio of departments, including the nationally recognized Police and Fire Rescue, Animal Services, Elections, Transit, Public Works, the Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust, and the Public Health Trust. She spearheaded the County's Haitian Relief Effort, the United Way campaign, the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign, and has acted as liaison for numerous county tournaments and events.

Alina continues to give to the Miami-Dade community. She is an active alumna of the University of Miami, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Public Administration. She is also deeply involved in the American Society for Public Administration and the International Women's Forum.

We have all witnessed Alina's extraordinary skill and dedication to Miami-Dade County. She has served with grace and heart, and I look forward to seeing the impact she will continue to make on our community for years to come.

EQUALITY ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. DAVID B. MCKINLEY**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 17, 2019*

Mr. MCKINLEY. Mr. Speaker, let me be clear: I oppose discrimination in all forms, and agree that individuals should have protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender. Unfortunately, H.R. 5, the Equality Act, is a radical overreach that goes beyond the scope of discrimination and would harm doctors, families, women, religious groups, and many others.

The Equality Act fails to include conscience protections for doctors who have a moral or religious objection to the services they will be required to provide under the legislation. This bill would force doctors to forego their expertise and provide gender-affirming therapies, even if it goes against their best medical judgement. It could also force doctors and nurses to perform abortion-related services, regardless of their religious or moral objections.

This legislation also harms protections for women's sports provided by Title IX. Women are already beginning to lose sporting competitions and scholarships to their biologically male competitors who identify as females. These women have worked hard for their achievements and deserve the chance to compete on a level playing field.

Most importantly, the Equality Act would prevent parents from making health care choices that impact their own children and could even lead to parents losing custody of their children. In some states, like Ohio, this is already happening. A judge recently removed a biological girl from her parents custody after they did not allow her to take testosterone supplements to help her transition to a male. The federal government should not play a role in these important decisions.

This legislation does not serve as a constructive path forward to addressing the issue of discrimination in our country. That is why I voted against the Equality Act. It is yet another example of a messaging bill that will not be taken up in the Senate and therefore, will never be signed into law. Isn't it time that Congress finally put American families ahead of divisive, partisan politics?

SETTING EVERY COMMUNITY UP  
FOR RETIREMENT ENHANCE-  
MENT ACT

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1994, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act.

After a lifetime of work, all Americans should have access to retirement savings that will meet their needs and allow for each American to spend these years with friends, family, and doing what makes them happy. The SECURE Act includes numerous provisions to expand the opportunities for Americans to



easily save more for retirement and fixes provisions what would have drastically increase taxes on military survivors and Gold Star families.

This is a good, bipartisan bill that represents Congress working together and will improve saving for retirement for all Americans.

I support the SECURE Act and voted in favor of the bill. Unfortunately, due to an error in the voting process my "Yea" vote was not officially recorded when the full House considered this bill on the floor.

**HONORING THE 165TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA**

**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Providence United Church of Christ in Chesapeake, Virginia on its 165th anniversary.

Providence Church began as an informal group of slaves and freed blacks coming together to worship. In the beginning, they gathered for worship in parishioners' homes and in public spaces. This time together was important for African-Americans because it provided spiritual support and a sense of community.

In 1854, Providence Church was officially organized by Reverend Scott. Under his leadership, the congregation met every Sunday and grew in size. As the number of parishioners increased, the church was able to purchase property on Railroad Road and build a church. The church was built in 1872 and was located in the city of South Norfolk, Virginia. South Norfolk later became Chesapeake, Virginia in 1963.

Providence Church was renamed Providence United Church of Christ in 1957 when they joined the United Church of Christ family. Twenty years after joining the denomination and more than 100 years after the church's founding, Providence United Church of Christ expanded again in 1978. They were fortunate to build another addition in the form of an educational wing in 2003. Today many of their ministries take place in this new space.

Over the last 165 years, Providence United Church of Christ has continued to be a leader in the Hampton Roads community. The church serves the community through several ministries including the Christian Education Ministry, Senior Citizens Ministry and the Foodbank Ministry. Annual events include vacation bible schools, Kwanza celebrations, community confirmation classes, youth revivals and senior citizen celebrations. A unique feature of the church is that its congregation is divided into 12 tribes. These tribes provide a way for Providence United Church of Christ to reach different parts of the community.

It is impossible to commemorate the 165th anniversary of Providence United Church of Christ without recognizing its former pastors who helped build and grow this historic church—Reverends Scott, J. Jones, A. Harris, G.T. Hall, A.B. Jones, J.J. Faulk, J.R. Alston, R.R. Briggs, Ben E. Cox, V. Chambers, Clifton Thomas, Dr. Isaac McDonald, Dr. Samuel Varner, Dr. Alexander Jamison, Sr. and currently Dr. A. Jerome Danage, Sr.

Madam Speaker, as Providence United Church of Christ celebrates this historic milestone this weekend, its congregation can take pride in an inspiring 165 years of fellowship, worship and service. I would like to congratulate Reverend Dr. A. Jerome Danage, Sr. and all the members of the church's congregation on this joyous occasion, and I wish them many more years full of growth, prosperity and service to our community.

**IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2898 THE "BUDDY CHECK WEEK ACT"**

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I introduced H.R. 2898, the "Buddy Check Week Act of 2019," which provides support and training to organize outreach events and educate veterans on how to conduct peer wellness checks and recognize signs of problems in fellow veterans that indicate suicide risks.

The Buddy Check Week Act directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with veterans, non-profits that serve veterans, mental health experts, and members of the Armed Forces, to develop and implement collaborative education opportunities for veterans to learn how to conduct wellness checks.

A wellness check involves contacting veterans who may be demonstrating signs of having difficulty and making sure they receive visits to see how they are doing and provide support for any needs.

The VA will provide online or in-person training to individuals, as well as provide opportunities for Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) to learn how to: train individuals to conduct peer wellness checks, transfer phone calls to the Veterans Crisis Line, and be resilient when handling a veteran in crisis.

The bill inspired by the American Legion's "Buddy Check National Week of Calling," held March 11–16, 2019.

The American Legion unveiled this new initiative to connect past and present veterans and ensure that they receive the care they need.

A Buddy Check Week will provide the time, space, and resources needed to help these veterans through personal interaction and kindness.

This legislation will amplify the work of the American Legion and support efforts to conduct outreach to veterans across the nation.

Madam Speaker, veteran suicide is a pervasive and critical issue, threatening the lives of many of our bravest and most patriotic Americans.

Although, the VA has screening protocols designed to aid veterans and stage suicide interventions, some 6,000 veterans a year tragically fall through the cracks of this system, finding themselves without the necessary aid and resources that were promised to them by the VA and commit suicide.

Many Suicide Prevention Coordinators and offices specializing in veterans affairs report being overworked and unable to keep up with their many responsibilities.

On average, about 20 veterans die every day by suicide, and since 2017, 25 veterans

have taken their lives on the grounds of Veterans Affairs hospitals, including seven this year and at least four last month, actively seeking help from an unprepared agency before committing suicide.

It is long past time for the federal government to provide the necessary legislation to address the troubling uptick in veteran suicides and help improve suicide prevention and mental health resources at the VA.

To truly address this issue, we need to make sure that the VA and veterans aid organizations have the tools needed to serve every veteran that walks through their doors.

It is critically important that we provide training on the signs that a veteran may be in crisis and the needed make it easier to get them the help that they need.

I believe this bill is a step in the right direction toward making sure that happens.

Madam Speaker, it is unconscionable that a veteran will commit suicide every hour.

The fact that veterans make up just 20 percent of the male population, yet veterans make up close to 32 percent of all male suicides is shocking and must spur our action.

It does not have to be this way, Madam Speaker, and we can do something about it, starting with the passage of H.R. 2898, the "Buddy Check Week Act."

**CONGRATULATING THE CHRISTUS SANTA ROSA HEALTH SYSTEM**

**HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System on its 150th anniversary year serving the health care needs of San Antonio and South Texas. Three Catholic Sisters left their families and native country of France 150 years ago in 1869, and traveled to San Antonio, Texas to answer a call to care for victims of a deadly cholera outbreak. This marked the beginnings of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio and the Santa Rosa Infirmary, which still serves the community today. A century and a half later, the infirmary, now known as CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System and The Children's Hospital of San Antonio, has grown and expanded to meet the new health care needs of diverse populations throughout the south Texas region.

From those three founding Sisters, a network of hospitals and clinics has grown around the world, employing thousands of health care professionals who are still responding with compassion and love to Bishop Dubuis' call 150 years ago.

In 2019, we celebrate the Congregation's Sesquicentennial in CHRISTUS Health locations throughout Texas, Mexico, South America and the United States. And during this celebration, we remember the first ministry, where it all began—CHRISTUS Santa Rosa. CHRISTUS Health is now one of the top ten Catholic health systems in the United States and a leading provider of uncompensated care among not-for-profit health care systems.

I congratulate CHRISTUS Santa Rosa on its 150th anniversary and recognize its significant contribution to the state of Texas as a leader

and provider of quality, faith-based compassionate healthcare. Patients served by CHRISTUS Santa Rosa, including my constituents of the 20th District, are grateful to each of the thousands of nurses, doctors, associates and volunteers who have helped their communities through the years with a commitment to the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa mission of "extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
FITZPATRICK FAMILY AND THE  
RED LION INN

**HON. RICHARD E. NEAL**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the Fitzpatrick Family on their 50th anniversary as owners of the iconic Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The Red Lion Inn has been a cultural and historic institution of western Massachusetts for more than two centuries and has continued on as such in the modern era thanks to the Fitzpatrick Family. Our community has benefited immeasurably as a result, and we are incredibly grateful.

The Town of Stockbridge was founded in 1734 and became a popular resort destination during the Gilded Age. It also became home to one of America's greatest 18th century hotels, the Red Lion Inn, which first opened in 1773. The World Wars of the 20th century, however, as well as the Great Depression, took a toll on the region and the Red Lion Inn with it. But 1969 would prove to be a monumental year for Stockbridge and the rest of the Berkshires. As new attractions reenergized the area, the grand reopening of the Red Lion Inn took place on account of Senator Jack Fitzpatrick and his wife, Jane. The Fitzpatricks did more than just save the Red Lion Inn from being razed. They renovated it and preserved most of the art, antiques, furniture, and—thus—charm that are essential to the Inn's character and allure. They also continued to grow their impact on the community by helping local projects thrive and injecting a fresh sense of prosperity to the Berkshires. Still further, they have prided themselves on providing high quality service and hospitality to all of their guests and making them feel right at home in the heart of the Berkshires.

Once again, Madam Speaker, the 50th year of Fitzpatrick Family ownership of the Red Lion Inn is certainly worthy of celebration and recognition. It is a testament to the vibrancy and cultural substance of Stockbridge and the Berkshires. Jane and Jack Fitzpatrick's bountiful legacy lives on through the Fitzpatrick Trust, the Red Lion Inn, and—most importantly—the new generation of family members. I wish the Fitzpatrick Family, including of course Jack and Jane's daughter Nancy, and Nancy's stepdaughter Sarah Eustis, who is the third-generation owner and operator of the Inn, all the best in their future endeavors and at the 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner to be hosted on May 29.

OBSERVING THE 101TH ANNIVERSARY OF AZERBAIJAN'S REPUBLIC

**HON. STEVE CHABOT**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. CHABOT. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a Co-chair of the Congressional Azerbaijani Caucus, to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan as it celebrates its 101st Republic Day on May 28, 2019. This important milestone marks the very first time a parliamentary democratic republic was established in any predominantly Muslim country.

Unfortunately, Azerbaijan's independence was short-lived, as it was soon occupied by the Soviets. Many Azerbaijanis lost their lives in 1920, trying to keep their independence alive and after years of living under Soviet rule re-gained their independence in 1991.

Since regaining its independence, Azerbaijan has become a key ally to the United States in a strategically important region. It is a secular state with a predominantly Muslim population that has been home to vibrant Christian and Jewish communities for over a millennium.

Azerbaijan continues to offer critical support for NATO operations in Afghanistan, particularly by enabling supplies to reach Coalition forces. Azerbaijan also provides vital support to U.S. nonproliferation efforts in a very tough neighborhood.

In addition to supporting U.S. security interests in the region, Azerbaijan plays an important role in contributing to the energy security of our European allies and Israel. It is very remarkable that roughly 40% of Israel's oil is provided by Azerbaijan.

I believe the U.S. should stand with Azerbaijan and work with them to strengthen their independence as our proven partner is subjected to substantial pressure from Russia and Iran.

It is my pleasure to encourage my colleagues to join me in honoring Azerbaijan on its 101st Republic Day and celebrate the robust U.S.-Azerbaijan partnership.

HONORING JESPY HOUSE AND THE  
MICHAEL OCH HOUSE

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a nonprofit organization that helps serve the intellectually and developmentally disabled community in my district. For the past forty years, JESPY House has been a vital part of South Orange, New Jersey.

JESPY House has provided housing, job training, and life skills to hundreds of disabled people during its long history as a public service organization. In two weeks, JESPY House will host the grand opening of its newest expansion—the Michael Och House, a Center for Aging at JESPY.

The Och House is part of JESPY's "Aging in Place" program, which provides for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities to live in a client-centered, community-based setting during their senior years.

The Och House will help JESPY to ensure its clients are able to age with dignity. They will have increased nursing and health care screenings, healthy living workshops, on-site physical therapists, and age-appropriate accessibility furnishings.

I am proud to represent organizations that are doing great things for those in need. JESPY House is a model for advancing independence among adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring them.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RICHARD HUDSON**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 222, 223, 224, and 225; NAY on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; and NAY on Roll Call No. 228.

IN HONOR OF REVEREND DOCTOR  
EMMETT SCOTT ANITON, JR.

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding Man of God, a devoted spiritual leader, and dear friend of longstanding, Rev. Dr. Emmett S. Aniton, Jr., who will be celebrating his 40th anniversary as the distinguished pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia on Friday, May 24, 2019, at 6:30pm.

Emmett Scott Aniton, Jr. was born on March 8, 1940, in Oneonta, Alabama to the union of Mr. Emmett Scott Aniton, Sr. and Mrs. Estella Aniton Woods. He attended Southside High School in Etowah County, Alabama, where he graduated in 1959, before earning his Bachelor of Theology degree from Selma University in 1964. He entered the United States Army and completed a tour of duty in Qui Nho'n, Vietnam, and returned home to Alabama where he matriculated at Alabama A&M University, earning Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology in 1971.

After responding to God's call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Rev. Aniton pastored the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Alabama from 1966 to March of 1979. For more than 12 years, Rev. Aniton was the shepherd at First Baptist where he ministered to the needs of his flock christening babies, baptizing believers, performing marriages, and consoling bereaved families, while developing and honing his skills as a church administrator and inspiring preacher.

Then in November of 1978, the congregation of Friendship Baptist Church called and the Holy Spirit sent Rev. Aniton to Columbus, Georgia. His pastoral duties began in April of 1979 and he has faithfully and effectively served for over 40 years. Under Reverend Aniton's dynamic and spirit-filled leadership, the Friendship Baptist Church has experienced tremendous growth—spiritually, numerically, and in its physical facilities. But most importantly, under his leadership, Friendship has

been a beacon of hope and salvation for the congregation through its many ministries which share the good news of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Yet, Madam Speaker, the outstanding servant leadership demonstrated by Rev. Aniton did not stop at Friendship Baptist Church. His impact has been felt in the larger community and beyond. He has served on the boards of the Pastoral Institute, the Liberty Theatre, the Metro Columbus Urban League, and the Fourth Street Towers. He has been President of the Mount Calvary Congress of Christian Education and the Muscogee County Clergy Association; instructor for the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia Congress of Christian Education and the American Baptist Theological Seminary (off-campus). He received the NAACP Religious Affairs Award, Rainbow PUSH Coalition Lifetime Achievement Award, the PUHL (Peace, Unity, Honesty, and Leadership) Award; and in May of 2011, received an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from St. Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida.

Reverend Aniton has achieved much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the Grace of God and the love and the support of his late wife, Mrs. Dorothy Rigby Aniton; his children, Minister Rhonda Aniton Bell, Emmett Scott Aniton III, and Keisha Aniton Simmons; his grandchildren and other family members. He is an outstanding mentor, a strong leader, and a faithful servant of God.

On a personal note, I have been blessed by Rev. Aniton's sage counsel and enduring friendship over the four decades I have known him and I am proud to call him my friend.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in congratulating Rev. Dr. Emmett S. Aniton, Jr. for 40 outstanding years of leadership at Friendship Baptist Church, for over 50 remarkable years of ministry, and for a lifetime of selfless service to God, the church, and to humankind. To God be the glory for the things He has done through His humble servant, Rev. Dr. Emmett S. Aniton, Jr.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXERCISE THE POWER VESTED BY ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2, CLAUSE 5 OF THE CONSTITUTION IN RESPECT TO ACTS OF MISCONDUCT BY DONALD JOHN TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to announce to the House that I have introduced H. Res. 396, a resolution authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise the power vested by Article 1, Section 2,

Clause 5 of the Constitution in respect to acts of misconduct by Donald John Trump, President of the United States.

I invite every Member of the House to join me in cosponsoring this important and necessary step to uphold the rule of law, preserve the strength of our democracy, and affirm the rightful place of the Congress as a co-equal branch of government with the constitutional duty to check and hold accountable a wayward head of the Executive Branch.

This resolution is both necessary and timely. Last week, hours before the House Judiciary Committee was to vote to hold Attorney General Bill Barr in contempt of Congress, the President indicated that he intended to assert executive privilege to deny Congress and the American people the Mueller Report.

Yesterday, the White House Counsel indicated that it believes that the House Judiciary Committee's inquiry was an improper exercise of its oversight powers and was instead intended to "harass" the President.

The White House Counsel, in mistaken belief that the Mueller Investigation was the final word into investigations concerning this President, stated that Congress was not permitted "an unauthorized do-over of exhaustive law enforcement investigations conducted by the Department of Justice."

The White House position is clearly wrong on history, on the law, and on the Constitution, but more than that, it is reckless and destabilizing.

It disregards or misapprehends the nature, structure, and purpose of the system of government devised by the Framers that served us well for nearly 250 years.

It contemplates branches of government superior to others and represents an indifference, belligerence and disrespect towards Article I of the Constitution unseen in American history.

Congressional requests for documents have been ignored, subpoenas have been flouted, witnesses refuse to appear for congressional oversight hearings, norms shattered.

This is intolerable and why, in consultation with and by working with my colleagues, I have introduced H. Res. 396, a resolution authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to investigate whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise the power vested by Article 1, Section 2, Clause 5 of the Constitution in respect to acts of misconduct by Donald John Trump, President of the United States.

This is a significant measure because it involves not just the standing committees but the whole House of Representatives, the body that is vested by the Constitution with the "sole power of impeachment."

Madam Speaker, if approved by the House, H. Res. 396 gives the Committee on Judiciary a broad and affirmative mandate by the body that is vested with the sole power conveyed by Article 1, Section 2, Clause 5 to investigate the areas of possible misconduct listed in the Resolving clause.

Since 1900, responsibility for conducting investigations of the type envisioned by the resolution has been delegated by the House to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Nothing in the resolution preempts or forecloses any other Committee of the House from exercising its oversight authority and adoption of the resolution will convey to the Administration, the public, and relevant witnesses the se-

riousness to which the House takes its responsibilities to act as a check on a wayward Executive and the gravity of the findings and conclusions set forth in the Mueller Report.

Finally, nothing in the resolution compels the Committee on the Judiciary to reach a particular result or make a particular recommendation; rather, the resolution charges the Committee with undertaking a comprehensive investigation following the evidence where it leads and reporting its conclusions and recommendations to the full House.

Madam Speaker, the time has come to reassert proper oversight in our system of government.

During the first two years of this administration, House Republicans shirked their oversight responsibilities.

This new House majority, propelled by the largest class of women and the most diverse class in history, will do its job to ensure the preservation of this government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GOLF LEGEND, ALICE DYE

#### HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Alice Holliday Dye, an Indiana golf legend and accomplished amateur champion. Known as the "First Lady" of golf course architecture, Alice and her husband, Pete, co-designed some of the country's most high-profile championship golf courses, including Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Alice's significant contributions to the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, the state of Indiana, and the nation.

Alice was born on February 19, 1927, in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she won the Indiana State Junior championship at the age of 15. She graduated from Shortridge High School and graduated with honors from Rollins College in Florida, where she was captain of the women's golf team and a member of the men's team. Following her graduation, she worked as a life insurance saleswoman, becoming one of the few women in the business at the time, eventually earning a spot in the Women's Quarter Million Dollar Roundtable.

A trailblazer, Alice was a female pioneer in the golfing community. Alice's passion for golf began at a young age, spending time at the Woodstock Club in Indianapolis. It was there she fell in love with the beautiful fairways and the game itself. Later, Alice went on to have a standout career in golf, winning over 50 amateur championships during her lifetime including nine State Championships in Indiana, the Woman's North and South, the Women's Eastern, the National Ladies Club Championship, two USGA Senior and two Canadian Senior Tournaments, as well as five Women's Western Senior Tournaments, National Ladies Club Championship, and played on the 1970 Curtis Cup Team. Alice also won a gold medal in golf at the Senior Olympics.

Collaborating with her husband, Pete Dye, she co-designed Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana, where she and Pete had a home on the 18th hole. Alice and Pete also

worked together to design Harbour Town Golf Links in Hilton Head, South Carolina, Whistling Straits in Kohler, Wisconsin, and the TPC Sawgrass, with its famous par-3 17th hole with an island green, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Through her success on the greens and the remarkable course designs, Alice was relentlessly dedicated to ensuring that women players were not forgotten and is credited as the champion for the two tee system that made formidable courses more playable for women.

Alice's work is a true testament to her outstanding career and selfless contributions. Alice served the sport by becoming the first woman president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects in 1997 and the first woman to serve as an independent director of the PGA of America in 1999. She was honored with numerous awards and accolades, including being inducted into the Indiana Golf Hall of Fame in 1976 and was voted PGA's First Lady of Golf in 2004.

In her personal life, Alice was known as a loving mother. She truly loved the sport and the fairways became one of her favorite places to go with her family and close friends. Born and raised in Indianapolis, she worked to bring affordable junior golf programs to youth of all backgrounds through the establishment of The First Tee of Indiana. Children of all ages can practice their swings on four 9-hole courses, named in their honor, at the Pete & Alice Dye Golf Experience, part of the Sports Legend Experience at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis. Over the years, Alice's passion for golf has inspired countless individuals and her leadership as the First Lady of golf architecture has left a remarkable legacy.

Alice will be forever missed by her family, friends, colleagues, and the entire golf community. On behalf of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Alice's husband, Pete, her son, Perry, and his wife, Ann, her son, P.B., and his wife, Jean, her two grandchildren, her two great grandchildren, and to her entire extended family and the friends who mourn her loss.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF FRANK BRYANT

### HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of long-time Walnut Creek resident, Mr. Frank Bryant.

Frank was born on April 24, 1936 in Elko, Nevada to parents Howard and Charlotte Bryant. After his family moved to California, Frank attended San Jose State University before settling in Walnut Creek with his wife Susan. Frank and Susan resided in Walnut Creek for over 50 years. Throughout this time, Frank was deeply committed to serving the East Bay community.

An architect by trade, Frank designed several commercial and residential buildings throughout Walnut Creek. A strong partner with the City of Walnut Creek, Frank designed a community theater and renovated an East Bay landmark, the Borges Ranch House.

Frank also used his architectural expertise in his positions on the Walnut Creek Design

Review Commission, the Civic Arts Association, and the Walnut Creek Planning Commission. As a further testament to his commitment to the community, Frank was a founding member and the first president of the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund, an organization that pays tribute to two American heroes while helping provide students access to educational opportunities.

Please join me in honoring Frank Bryant, whose devotion to public service had a profound impact on his community.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE TRADITION OF BREAKFAST ON THE FARM IN BROWN COUNTY

### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tradition of Breakfast on the Farm in Brown County.

Breakfast on the Farm is an iconic Wisconsin tradition that provides the community an opportunity to see first-hand how a dairy farm operates, and to learn about the significant role the dairy industry plays in Wisconsin's economy. Community members meet dairy farmers, explore the barns and equipment, and enjoy a delicious meal prepared on the farm.

In 1997, Dennis and Mary Zirbel moved from Collins, WI, to establish DenMar Acres, their dairy farm in Greenleaf, WI. Their sons Jeremy, Jeff, and Jesse are partners on the farm where the family milks 950 cows and manages 1,900 acres. Always pursuing innovative practices, DenMar Acres implements advanced technologies such as the Juno robot Feed Pushers, to help increase yields and improve efficiency on their farm. I am grateful to DenMar Acres for hosting the 2019 Brown County Breakfast on the Farm.

Brown County Dairy Promotion has been organizing Breakfast on the Farm since 2001, recruiting farm hosts, sponsors, and volunteers to support this terrific event. To continue the promotion of agriculture throughout the year, all proceeds of Breakfast on the Farm are donated to provide free educational programs to students studying agriculture in Brown County.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in commending the efforts of Breakfast on the Farm to educate the community through this time-honored tradition. Thank you to the Zirbels, Brown County Dairy Promotion, and the countless sponsors and volunteers for their continued support of Wisconsin's dairy industry.

#### RECOGNITION FOR VIRGINIA DEANGELIS, PH.D.

### HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Virginia DeAngelis for her life of work and service to our community. Jinny is stepping down as the Chief Executive

Officer of Desert Area Regional Training (DART), an organization that advocates for, and employs, people with disabilities in Ridgecrest, California, which I represent.

Jinny was born and raised in Wisconsin, graduating cum laude from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and later obtained her Master's degree and Doctorate in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership. After all those years in the cold Midwest, Jinny wanted warmer weather, eventually bringing her to the community of Ridgecrest. She taught at the Sierra Sands Unified School District, educating future generations and inspiring them to become the next leaders of our community. In 1993, she started as a Case Manager for DART, and through her hard work as an industrious champion for people with disabilities, she was deservedly appointed CEO in 2003.

As an executive, Jinny continued to dedicate her energy to serving our local community, managing and guiding the development of DART's mission and facilities, all while simultaneously advocating for people with disabilities. DART has managed and operated a thrift store, providing an opportunity for employment for many people with disabilities in Ridgecrest. Because of the generosity in our community, DART recently had to open a new, bigger location that allowed for more space in the shop and greater work experience.

Jinny's presence in our community has been prolific; she serves on multiple boards and volunteers her time for many local organizations, including the Rotary Club of China Lake, Girl Scouts USA, and Ridgecrest Mayor Peggy Breeden's Special Committee on the Handicapped for the City of Ridgecrest. Jinny is a true believer in the power of education and has lent her expertise to others in Kern County through her work with the Autism Task Force in Kern County and the Kern Community College District Adult Education Consortium. For her service and dedication to people with disabilities, she has received many awards, including Rotarian of the Year in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

On behalf of the constituents of the 23rd Congressional District of California, I applaud Jinny for her over 40 years of dedication, hard work, and service to educating and advocating on behalf of people with disabilities. I wish her well as she embarks on the next chapter in her life.

#### IN HONOR OF CHIEF ROBERT PFANNES FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 23, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Police Chief Robert Pfannes for his dedicated service to the city of Ann Arbor. His exceptional work ensuring the safety of his community is worthy of commendation.

A graduate of Madonna University and the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command, Chief Robert Pfannes committed his career to protecting the community. Initially serving in the Detroit and Garden

City Police Departments, Chief Pfannes joined the Ann Arbor Police Department in 1998 as a patrol officer. He worked in the patrol, major crimes, and narcotics divisions, before being promoted to Detective Lieutenant in 2012, where he served as the commander of the Detective Section. Beyond his work in public safety, Chief Pfannes has dedicated numerous hours in service of education, teaching at the

Western Wayne Regional Police Academy for the last 23 years.

Chief Pfannes' efforts demonstrate a deep commitment to justice, public safety, and education. His critical work has been instrumental in protecting the Ann Arbor community. Chief Pfannes' 21 years as a member of the Ann Arbor Police Department exemplifies the selflessness of public service. We are grateful for the exceptional work he has done protecting

the Ann Arbor community, and we congratulate him on his retirement. His dedicated leadership will be missed, and we wish him good health and every happiness in his retirement years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Police Chief Robert Pfannes for his many years of exemplary service. He has effectively served Michigan and its residents through his selflessness and leadership.